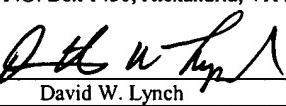


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2005, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the claims and remarks below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

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